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In re Application of: Hatim Allawi, *et al.* Group No.: 1652  
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Entitled: DETECTION OF RNA SEQUENCES

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, with response due on or before December 21, 2004. A petition for a two month extension of time, from December 21, 2004 to February 22, 2005, the first business day following the Federal holiday on February 21, 2005, is included herewith. Also submitted herewith is an Application Data Sheet, clean copies of several previously disclosed references, and a form 1449 listing these references. Also included herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer.

In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:  
**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.